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The applicants request that the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of official record in the above-identified application and considered by the Examiner. Copies of the listed documents C108 and C109 are enclosed.



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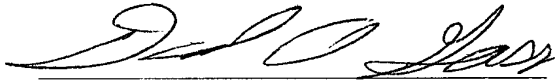
This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted before receipt of a first Office action. Accordingly, it is submitted that no fee is due in this matter under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

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